

Please amend the Abstract at page 27, lines 1-12, as follows:

ABSTRACT

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The present invention concerns a A method for driving a display panel, in which a  
~~that provided a display by a gaseous discharge.~~ A false gaseous discharge of a display cell is  
prevented ~~which occurs when~~ via an initialization sequence voltage containing a reset pulse is  
applied to a common electrode of a display cell and an initialization pulse. Stable  
initialization is achieved by ~~using, as a~~ applying the initialization pulse to ~~be applied to the~~  
common electrode after the reset pulse~~[, a]~~. The initialization pulse ~~[[that]]~~ rises up in one  
step~~[, or]~~. Alternatively, the initialization pulse is a complex pulse ~~whose~~ having second-  
step pulse that rises up within 1  $\mu$ s after the rise up rise of its first-step pulse. A stabilization  
sequence ~~[[is]]~~ can be inserted between ~~[[an]]~~ the initialization sequence and a discharge  
maintenance sequence.